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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST BRIEFING FOR EC

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1. ON APRIL 28, WE MADE REFTTEL POINTS TO JOHN CAMPBELL,
DEPUTY IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR, AND SEAN WHELAN, WHO IS
ACTION OFFICER ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. THEY PROMISED PASS
OUR BRIEFING TO EC COLLEAGUES. CAMPBELL EXPRESSED APPRE-
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CIATION FOR OUR INFO AND ASKED US TO KEEP IRISH INFORMED

AS OUR REASSESSMENT NEARS COMPLETION. FROM HIS
REMARKS, WE GOT IMPRESSION THAT EC IS NERVOUS ABOUT
BEING TOO FAR OFF ON SIDELINES AND WOULD BE HAPPIER
TO STAY THERE IF IT KNEW THE REST OF THE PROGRAM.

2. ON SUBSTANCE, IRISH COMMENTS WERE FEW AND ENTIRELY
SUPPORTIVE OF US POSITION. WHELAN SAID HIS GUESS WAS
THAT SOVIETS ARE NOT EAGER FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE
BECAUSE THEY FEAR ITS FAILURE WILL DAMAGE THEIR
PRESTIGE. SOVIETS, HE CONTINUED, HAVE LITTLE HOPE AT
THIS STAGE OF BEING ABLE TO GET THE ARABS' TERRITORIES
BACK TO THEM, AND THEY THINK US STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH
MIGHT EVENTUALLY SUCCEED IN DOING SO, OR AT LEAST IN
PREPARING GROUND FOR A SUCCESSFUL GENEVA CONFERENCE.
THIS IRISH IMPRESSION IS, WE ASSUME, COMING FROM OTHER
EC COLLEAGUES.
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